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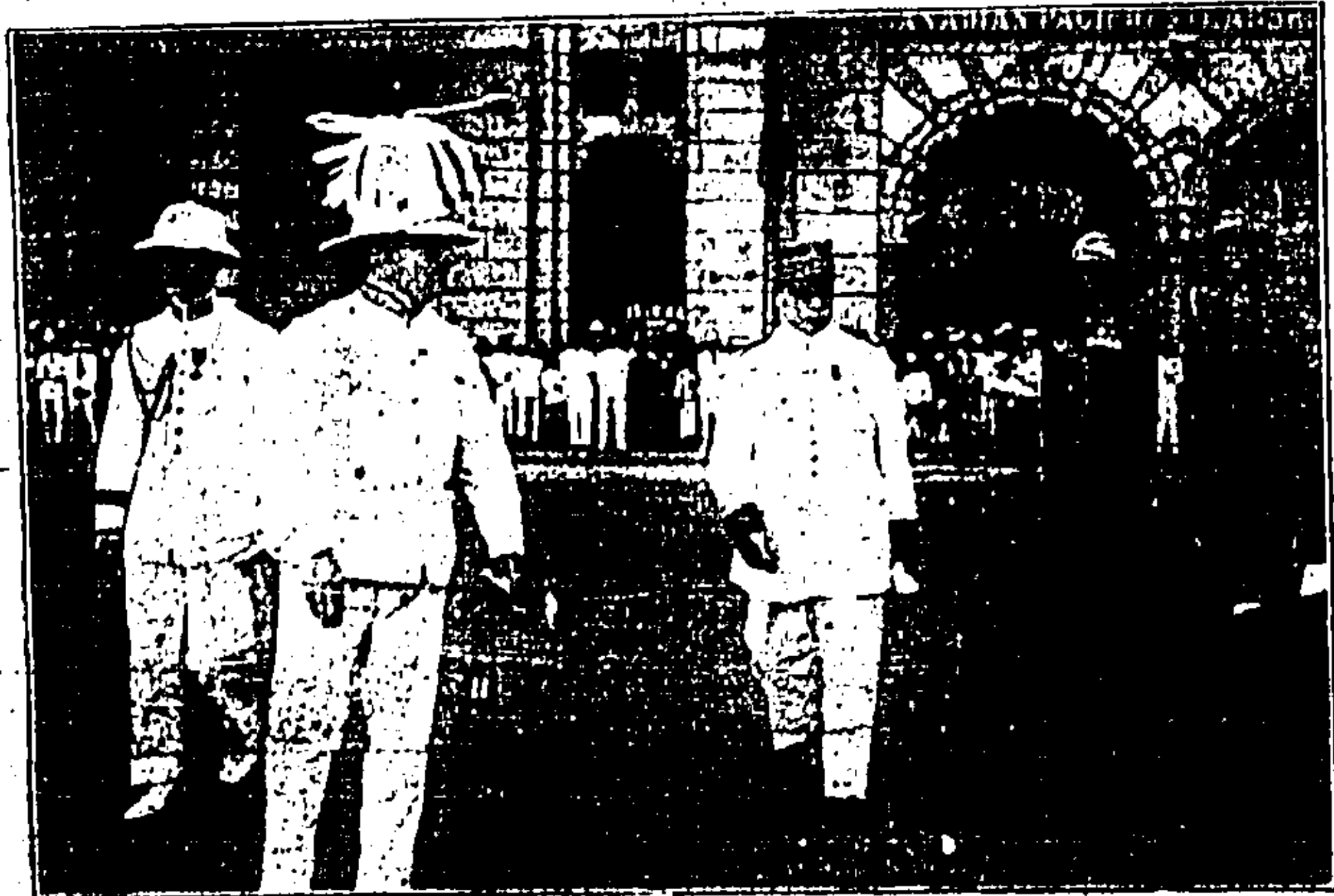
SHAMEEN OUTRAGE.

Attempt on Governor-General Merlin.

THREE FRENCH PEOPLE KILLED.

Others Seriously Wounded.

UNKNOWN ASSASSIN JUMPS INTO RIVER.



A profound sensation has been caused in Hongkong to-day by the receipt of news from Canton to the effect that an attempt to assassinate His Excellency M. Merlin, the Governor-General of Indo-China, was made at the Victoria Hotel, on the Shameen, last night. The outrage, although not causing either death or injury to M. Merlin (seen above with H. E. the Governor of Hongkong when inspecting the Guard of Honour at Blake Pier on Tuesday last), resulted in the instantaneous death of three French residents and the wounding of six others (two seriously). The assassin, at present unknown, succeeded in throwing a bomb into the dining room of the hotel during a dinner given in honour of His Excellency, and later made his escape by jumping into the river from the French Bund.

The first news to reach us of the terrible outrage which took place on the Shameen last night, was through the courtesy of Capt. R. Neville, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, who, by telephone informed us that a radio message was received here at three o'clock this morning. This message stated that during a dinner given at the Victoria Hotel, Shameen, last night, by the French colony in Canton in honour of M. Merlin, a bomb was thrown. The message went on to state that the Governor-General and his suite were not hurt, but that three of the French guests were killed and six wounded.

When asked if any of the names of those killed or injured had been received, Capt. Neville said that so far, only the bare information given above had come to hand. It was not then known here who the assassin was or whether he had been captured or had escaped.

Later in the morning, a Telegraph representative called on Lieut. Commander R. E. Worthington, Secretary to the Commodore, who said that a message had been received from the chief naval officer at Canton. This message confirmed the news given us by Capt. Neville, but stated three were killed and ten wounded, two of them seriously. It went on to state that the supposed assassin succeeded in making his escape by jumping into the river off the French Bund.

Enquiries at the French Consulate this morning revealed the fact that no independent news of the affair had been received. In an endeavour to gain fuller details, the Telegraph immediately dispatched telegraphic requests to correspondents on the Shameen to wire the full story of the tragic affair. Mrs. Merlin and her little son are at present guests at Government House here. It will be re-

called that H. E. M. Merlin arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday and was accorded an official reception and Guard of Honour at Blake Pier. He, together with his suite, are on their way back to Indo-China from an economic mission to Japan. Among the members of his suite to accompany him to Canton are M. Chatel (Chief of the Cabinet), M. Jeanbreaux (Director of Political Affairs), and Capt. Bernard (Aide-de-Camp).

It was only yesterday morning that the party left Hongkong for Canton, travelling by the French gunboat Craonne.

HONGKONG GOVERNOR'S SYMPATHY.

From Capt. Neville, H. E. the Governor's A.D.C. we have received the following official statement regarding the outrage:—

"His Excellency The Governor has received a radiogram from Canton to the effect that an attempt was made there last night, upon the life of H. E. M. Merlin, Governor-General of Indo-China. A bomb was thrown by an unknown person during a dinner party, given by the French community of Canton at the Victoria Hotel, in honour of the Governor-General's visit. M. Merlin and his suite escaped injury, but three of the guests were killed and six others were wounded."

"Upon receipt of this information, His Excellency sent the following wireless message to His Excellency M. Merlin:—'Horrible to hear of dastardly attempt. Congratulate Your Excellency upon fortunate escape. Deeply sympathetic French community here.'"

"His Excellency had invited a number of people to dine at Government House this evening, to meet Madame Merlin, who did not accompany her husband to Canton. Owing to the regrettable occurrence in

Canton last night the dinner party has been cancelled."

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

A telegram received by Messrs. Holyoak, Massey and Co. from their Canton office this morning gives the first news regarding the identity of those killed and injured. Through the courtesy of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, on whom a Telegraph representative called this morning, we are able to announce that the names of those killed are:—

Mons. R. E. Rougeau, sub-accountant of the Canton branch of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine.

Mons. P. Demaretz, manager of the General Silk Importing Company, Inc. of New York.

Mme. Demaretz, wife of the above.

The two persons named as being mortally wounded are:—

Mons. H. G. Gerin, of the firm of Gerin, Drevard and Co., who is extremely well-known in Hongkong; and

Mons. Pelletier.

The telegram received by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak adds that, in addition to the above, five others are seriously injured.

Although we have been unable to verify the fact, it is said that one member of the Governor-General's suite was slightly injured on the arm.

AMERICAN NAVAL MESSAGE.

The United States Consul General (Mr. W. Holt Gale) courteously informs us that he has received the following wireless message from naval sources at Canton:—

"French colony were giving dinner in honour of Governor-General of French Indo-China last evening (Thursday) when a bomb was thrown into the dining room of the Victoria Hotel, while the dinner was taking place, by an unidentified man, thought to be an Annamite."

PORTUGUESE FLIERS.

FORCED LANDING NEAR HANOI.

Due to Engine Trouble.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, June 20.

The Governor of Macao has received a wire, from the Portuguese aviators informing him that they have made a forced landing at Fontay, north-west of Hanoi, owing to engine trouble.

The flight is to be resumed within ten days.

"Two men and one woman were killed and six injured; all French. The Governor-General was uninjured. Conditions otherwise are normal."

PORTUGUESE CONSULAR REPORT.

We learn that this morning the local Portuguese Consulate received a telegram from the Portuguese Consul in Canton stating that during the dinner to M. Merlin a bomb was thrown into the Victoria Hotel and that five French guests were killed, the names not having been ascertained at the time of sending the wire. The message adds that the wounded include Mr. H. G. Gerin.

ANOTHER RUMOUR.

In connection with the above affair, a rumour reached the Colony this morning to the effect that an attempt had also been made on the life of the American Consul in Canton, who was said to have been stabbed.

On enquiry at the local American Consulate, the Telegraph was informed by Mr. W. Holt Gale (Consul General) that he had heard the rumour, but he was unable to say whether there was any truth in it. He had, however, cabled to Canton for information on the point.

From other sources, we learn that there is little probability of this news being true, as it was not thought that any of the foreign Consuls, excepting the French, were invited to the dinner.

LATER DETAILS.

On the arrival of the afternoon steamer from Canton to-day, a representative of the Telegraph had an interview with a Britisher, who was in Victoria Hotel when the outrage occurred, and who ran into the dining room immediately on hearing the explosion.

He stated that the affair occurred about 8.45, just after soup had been served. The bomb was contained in a handbag, and was thrown into the dining room through one of the windows near the end of the main table.

The Governor-General was seated at the middle of the table and the bomb was not thrown far enough to reach him. The force of the explosion scattered the cutlery in all directions, and some of the guests were injured thereby. Immediately the bomb was thrown, those guests who were uninjured rushed out of the hotel in pursuit of the assassin, who was seen to be running in the direction of the French garden, firing from a revolver as he went.

Our informant was among those who chased the man, but he managed to keep ahead of his pursuers and was seen to jump into the river, near the French wharf. Afterwards his hat was found in the gardens.

Amongst the wounded were Dr. Casablanca, the well-known French Superintendent of the Paul Doumer Hospital. He was injured in the left arm. Capt. Bernard, A.D.C., is also stated to have been wounded on the shoulder, whilst in addition to Mrs. Demaretz, another French lady was wounded. M. Gerin, previously wounded, is now stated to have died, and four others are lying in hospital.

KOWLOON MURDER.

DOCK WORKER STABBED.

A murder has been committed in Kowloon, the victim being a dock-worker whose body was found last night by his wife lying in Chatham Road, at the junction with Cook Street, near their home. Life was extinct and the body was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Examination showed that there was a punctured wound in the breast, apparently caused by a sharpened file. The man had evidently been stabbed by an unknown assailant, outside his home, at No. 54 Chatham Road, and he must have died as he was being removed across the roadway.

The murder is ascribed to Guild activities, it being ascertained that before his death the deceased was engaged on piece work at the Kowloon Dock in spite of extreme opposition of the workers who had discouraged his taking on this class of work.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

HONGKONG CHINESE COMPLAINTS.

Matters appear to have progressed so well with the Hongkong section of the British Exhibition that it is somewhat surprising to learn that complaints have been received locally from some Chinese exhibitors.

The complaints, which were voiced in letters received by relatives, appear to be directed chiefly at the lack of proper housing accommodation for Chinese exhibitors and their employees.

With the view to ascertaining how much truth there is in the allegations, the Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce informed a Telegraph reporter that he has written to Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Mr. Yip Lan-chuen and other members of the Chinese Committee in London, but so far has not received any reply.

POOR BOX FUNDS.

TO PAY FOR HAWKERS' LICENCE.

A Chinese woman, who was charged before Mr. F. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having no licence stated that she had no body to support her, and was obliged to hawk.

Sergeant Nolloth said defendant had applied for a licence, but she was refused as there were only 40 more left and these were only given to people who were recommended by the C.S.P. or a Magistrate. Every year a certain number were issued and so far all but 40 were taken up.

In answer to his Worship, Inspector Huddins said he knew the woman was not very well off and he himself had recommended her for a licence six weeks ago but was unsuccessful.

His Worship said he would try to get defendant a licence and asked her if she had any money to pay for it. She replied in the negative and Mr. Hamilton said that he would take \$2 from the Poor Box to pay for a licence for the remainder of the year.

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THE U.S. DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

MR. MCADOO CONFIDENT OF NOMINATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, June 19.

The Democratic Convention, which is to meet at Madison Square Garden next week, is expected to be highly exciting. Mr. McAdoo and Governor Smith of New York are regarded as the most likely Presidential nominees. The

former had a triumphal tour from California to New York, where, in response to an enthusiastic welcome on arrival, he asserted his belief that he would be nominated.

The dark horses are ex-Ambassador John W. Davis, Senator Underwood, Mr. Albert C. Ritchie (Governor of Maryland), Governor Ralston and Mr. Carter Glass.



Mr. W. G. McAdoo.

ANGLO-MEXICAN TROUBLE.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENTS' INEXCUSABLE BEHAVIOUR.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S PLAIN WORDS.

London, June 19.

That a woman is at the bottom of the Anglo-Mexican trouble appeared from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement in the House of Commons to-day. He said that Mexico had accused Mr. Cummins of writing insulting letters and demanded his immediate withdrawal. The letters, which Mr. MacDonald had read, related to an attempt by the Mexican Government to dispossess a Britisher, Mrs. Evans, of her farm. Mr. MacDonald said there was nothing objectionable in the letters. (Cheers). If foreign offices objected to such communications there would soon be no diplomatic relations at all. The Mexican Government's behaviour was inexcusable, and it threatened to break in the Legation on June 16th if Mr. Cummins had not surrendered.

Mr. MacDonald said he warned the Consul General of the gravity of such a step and requested that action be suspended until the Hon. Mr. Mission had arrived. The Mexican Government refused, and the United States Government, at Mr. MacDonald's request, arranged for the safe withdrawal of Mr. Cummins and to take charge of the Legation. Mr. MacDonald, amid cheers, emphasised the necessity of protecting British subjects and safeguarding the British Government's dignity. He concluded by saying that he was not quite sure what had happened to Mrs. Evans, but he believed she had not met with any harm. The whole story was most romantic and one of Mr. Cummins' letters said that she was left defenceless and alone, except for the assistance of a brave young American.

Mexican President's Action.

Mexico City, June 19.

President Obregon has ordered the stoppage of proceedings for the expulsion of Mr. Cummins, after learning that Britain was withdrawing Mr. Cummins to-morrow.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SELECTION.

A SUMMARY AND FORECAST.

London, June 19.

The Nationalist and Labourite pact, which overthrew Gen. Smuts' Government, was formed for the election only. It is noteworthy that the Labourites, who are predominantly British, imposed a condition to which the Nationalists agreed, that the latter if successful would not raise the question of secession from the Empire during the lifetime of the new Parliament. The Nationalists are Dutch extremists, avowedly republican in their political views and diametrically opposed to those of Labour, but the latter will probably hold the balance between the Nationalists and the South African Party in the new Assembly.

General Smuts has lost most of his ablest supporters, the latest being the minister of Finance, Mr. Burton, who was defeated at Ladysmith.

Reuter's correspondent at Capetown says that a Hertzog Government is now regarded as a certainty. The whole South African press congratulates the victors and hopes that everyone will do their best to help the new Government and continue the work of the advancement and development of the Union.

Newspapers in London deplore the defeat of Gen. Smuts, one of the greatest figures of the Empire, but emphasise the local nature of the issues involved. While speculating on the uncertainty of the South African's political future, they declare that the Labourites will be a useful check to the Republican Nationalists, while the latter are not likely to treat the Labour extremists on the road with greater indulgence than the old administration. There is a consensus of opinion that responsibility of office will bring moderation and that South Africa, as elsewhere will benefit by new men and new methods.

PROMISING TRADE CONDITIONS.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS INCREASE.

London, June 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Sydney Webb, in introducing the Board of Trade estimates, said that trade conditions were considerably more promising than last year. There had been a wonderful increase in imports, mainly in the principal raw materials, on which British commerce depends. Exports, too, had increased, and coal and steel production in Britain had risen.

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MURDER CHARGE.

UNEMPLOYED ENGINEER IN THE DOCK.

W. N. Lester, an unemployed
engineer, came before his Honour
Judge Peter Grain, sitting as
Magistrate, in the British Court
at Shanghai last week, charged
with attempting to murder James
Walsh, an unemployed seaman.

It is reported that Lester shot
Walsh in the leg, the bullet for-
tunately inflicting only a flesh
wound.

C. D. I. Cruickshank said he
arrested Lester in the Con-
tinental Hotel, Szechuen Road.
He knew accused previously.
Witness went behind him and
gripped him by the arms, but
Lester said: "It's all right; I
have no revolver on me." Witness
told accused that he was going
to arrest him for shooting a man in
the Wayport rooms. Before
witness had time to say more,
Lester replied: "Oh, it's that
d--- bun Walsh." Witness warned
him not to speak, and accused
went on: "That's all right; I shot
him, and I shot him in the leg."
Witness took Lester to Hongkew
Police Station, where he charged
him. Lester expressed a desire to
make a statement, which the
Inspector subsequently took down.

The note taken by Inspector
Cruickshank read as follows:
"That d--- bun came to my
house about 3 p.m. on the 10th of
this month. I fitted him out with
clothing, boots, hat and every-
thing. At 4 p.m. the same day
Walsh suggested he go for Chinese
wine. I gave him 60 cents and he
brought back three large bottles of
wine."

Lester interrupted at this stage,
contending that the Inspector had
not taken his statement correctly.

His Honour pointed out that the
note he had taken at the time, and the
Inspector continued reading:

"We drank together and I got so
drunk I fell on the floor. I was
found in that state when the de-
tectives came and arrested me, and
I found a large amount of property
stolen, and I went indoors and
found all the doors and windows
open. I reported the theft to Hong-
kew and Wayside Station. That
d--- bun Walsh took my property,
and I shot him. That's all."

THE KWANGTUNG WAR.

PEACE IN SIGHT.

Although serious fighting on
the Eastern front is now in
progress, peace-makers are still
busily engaged in influencing the
authorities of the Constitutional
Government and the party of
General Chen Chiung-ming to
negotiate for terms of peace, says
the Canton Gazette.

Latest report has it that the
peace overtures are very hopeful
and according to the *Sin Kuo Wah*
Pao certain terms have been
proposed by the Chen party. The
report further says that Mr. Chen
Shu-pak, an old member of the
Kuo-min-tang party, is now busily
traveling between Canton, Hong-
kong and Swatow to interview
prominent persons in these places
with regard to the question.

The same paper gives the terms
of peace proposed by the leaders of
the Chen party as follows:

(1) That the Allied armies of
Yunnanese, Hunan, etc., and the
army under Chen are to participate
in Dr. Sun Yat-sen's coming
expedition against the northern
warlords.

(2) That General Chen Chiung-
ming issues a telegram, declaring
that he repents his recent action,
and that Dr. Sun Yat-sen also
issues a telegram declaring that
he forgives General Chen.

(3) That for the time being
the soldiers under General Chen
are to be stationed east of Waichow
and the Allied soldiers west of
Waichow.

(4) That Dr. Sun appoints the
Governor of Kwangtung, by whom

HARBOURING YOUNG BOY.

A SHAMEFUL PRACTICE.

"This taking away of other
people's sons has to be discourag-
ed," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at
the Hongkong Magistracy yester-
day afternoon, when he sentenced
a Chinese to four months' hard
labour for harbouring a 13-year old
boy. The Magistrate said that it
was a shameful practice, though it
was not as bad as kidnapping.

There were three defendants in
the case, all of them being charged
with kidnapping the boy and,
alternately, with harbouring him.
The kidnapping charge was dismissed
as the evidence was considered
insufficient. Two of the defendants,
father and son, were finally
discharged on the harbouring
charge.

The alertness of an Indian
guard employed on the s.s.
Loung Kwong was directly respon-
sible for the arrest of the
defendants. Whilst going his
round in the steerage deck of the
ship, which was then proceeding to
Kongmoon, the Indian overheard a
conversation between the convicted
defendant and another man not
in custody as to the disposal of
the kidnapped boy when they
arrived at Sumatra. The defendant
was arrested, and as a result
of enquiries the father and
son, who were with him, were
also taken into custody. The trio,
together with the boy, were taken
back to Hongkong and handed over
to the Police.

The convicted man confessed in
his evidence that he was taking the
boy to Kongmoon with the idea of
giving him a job at a shop at which
he himself was employed. He did
it out of sympathy, as the boy ap-
peared to be hungry when he first
saw him.

CARNARVONSHIRE ARMS.

TWO SAILORS COMMITTED.

That the Mauser pistol produced
in court was bigger than the one
he had in his possession when
arrested, was the claim made by
Chu Yung-kai, second boatswain of
the s.s. Carnarvonshire, when with
Ning King-hai, first boatswain, he
was charged before Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday, with being in
possession of the Mauser pistol
and stock.

The evidence showed "that at
about 3 p.m. on the 11th inst.,
while revenue officers were
searching the vessel, defendant
was observed to come out of the
crew's quarters on the well-deck.
He was stopped and searched.
Before the revenue officers could
find anything he took something
out from under his coat and
threw it on to the bridge-deck. R.
O. Lamgan, who was attracted to
the scene by the noise, happened
to see second defendant, who
was standing at the top of the
ladder leading to the bridge-
deck, pick up the article and
throw it overboard. Instructions
were then given to a Chinese
revenue officer to engage a sampan
and dredge the spot where the
article was thrown. After an
hour's dredging a Mauser and
stock were discovered.

In a statement, the first
defendant insisted that the pistol
he had was not so big. The second
defendant said that the first
defendant called out to him to
throw the article overboard and
that he did not know anything
about it.

Both defendants were committed
for trial at the next Criminal
Sessions.

The civil officials of the Chao-Mei
districts, which Chen's soldiers
now occupy, are to be appointed.

(5) That Marshal Tann Chi-jui
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA:

Paris, June 19.
According to *Le Matin*, M. Herriot has declared that he would
not modify French policy toward Russia without previously ex-
changing views with the American government.—*Reuter*.

THE MATTEOTTI AFFAIR.

Rome, June 19.
The police have arrested Sig. Giovanni Marinelli, ex-member
of the Fascist Directory, in connection with the Matteotti kidnap-
ing.—*Reuter*.

"CAT" FOR ROBBERS.

WOMEN BLINDED WITH PEPPER.

At the Criminal Sessions before
Mr. J. H. B. Nibhill yesterday after-
noon, Wong Kau pleaded not
guilty to robbing Cheung Sui-tai
of a pair of gold bangles on May
4th.

The Crown story as outlined
by Mr. J. H. B. Nibhill was that on
May 4th at mid-day Cheung Sui-
tai was in her house in Shanghai
Street. There were three other
women on that floor and also a
man, but he appeared to have been
asleep and did not enter the case.
The woman Cheung Sui-tai was
washing some clothes at about
noon when she suddenly found a
man beside her. She then saw
another man approaching and he
threw pepper in her eyes and took
two gold bangles from her arm.
The man who seized her was dressed
in grey, but the other had a
white jacket. So soon as she
recovered the woman chased the
robbers out of the house, but failed
to catch them.

Blinded by Pepper.
The other women in the house
could do little as they also had
pepper thrown in their eyes.

Later at an identification parade
held at Mongkok police station
the woman Cheung Sui-tai identi-
fied the prisoner as the man who
seized her. Counsel laid stress on
this point, remarking that the
woman had never seen the man
before and that she had a chance

to see the man, for when he held
her by the neck his face must
have been in close proximity to
hers. None of the other
women could identify prisoner.
One had pepper in her eyes and
another was knocked down by a
blow.

The arrest of prisoner took place
on May 19th by the police, acting on
information received. The arrest
took place near the Yunnai
Railway Station. At first he
resisted—and the officer had to
blow his whistle for assistance.
On the way to the police
station prisoner offered money to
the policemen who arrested him if
they would let him go.

When charged, prisoner said "I
did not do so."
Evidence was called and Cheung
Sui-tai said she chased the men
some distance and they went to
wards Shum Shui Po. She recognis-
ed prisoner by a scar on his right
temple.

Queer Witnesses.
Asked if he wished to say
anything, prisoner said: "Is there
any proof of this robbery? I ask
your lordship, having heard all the
evidence, whether there is any
substantial proof that I was one of
the robbers? I did not commit
any robbery and I was picked out
by mistake."

He called two witnesses, both of
whom said they could not speak
to his character. A third said he
did not know prisoner. The jury
returned a verdict of guilty and
prisoner was sentenced to seven
years imprisonment and ten strokes
of the "cat."



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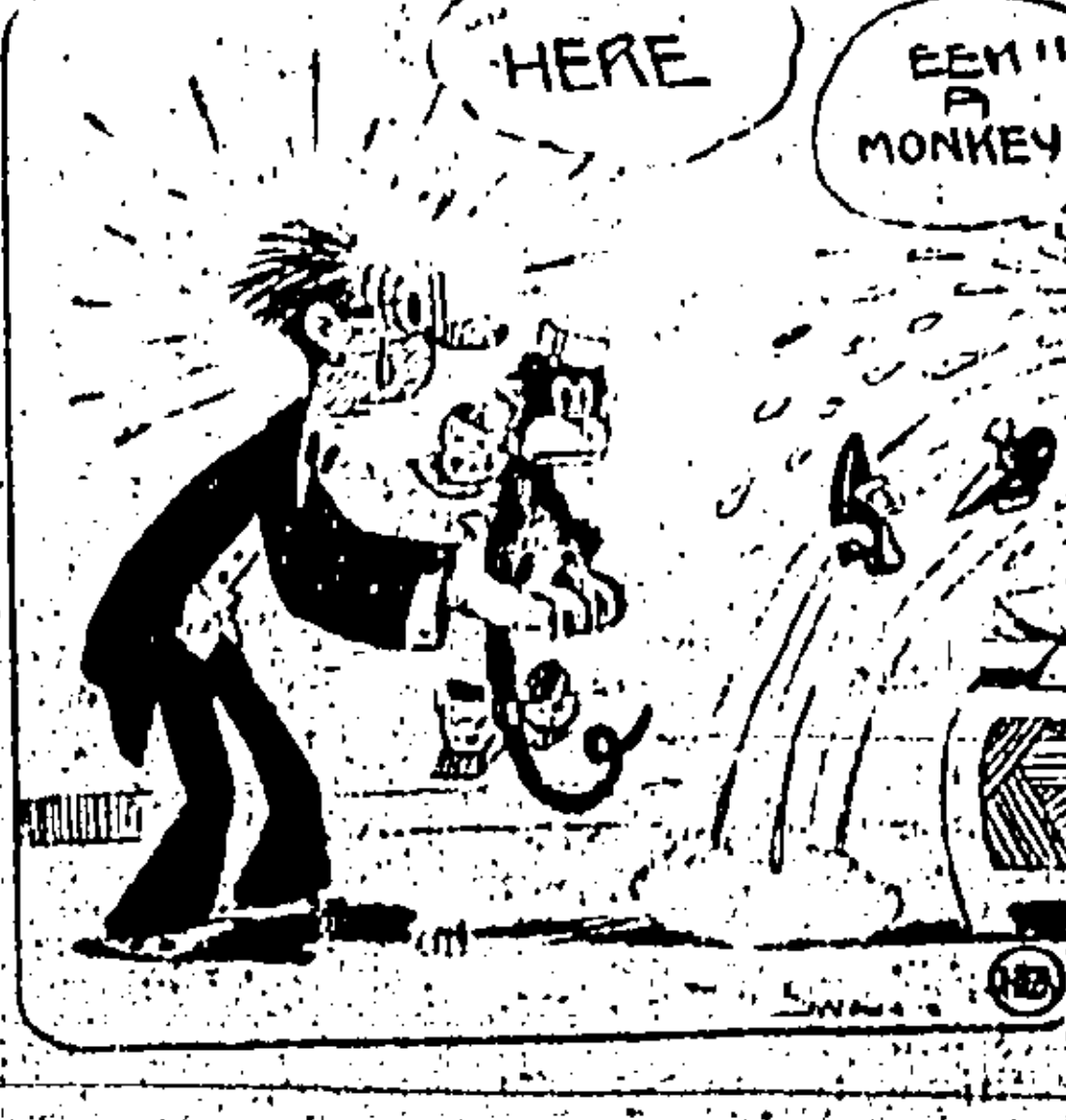
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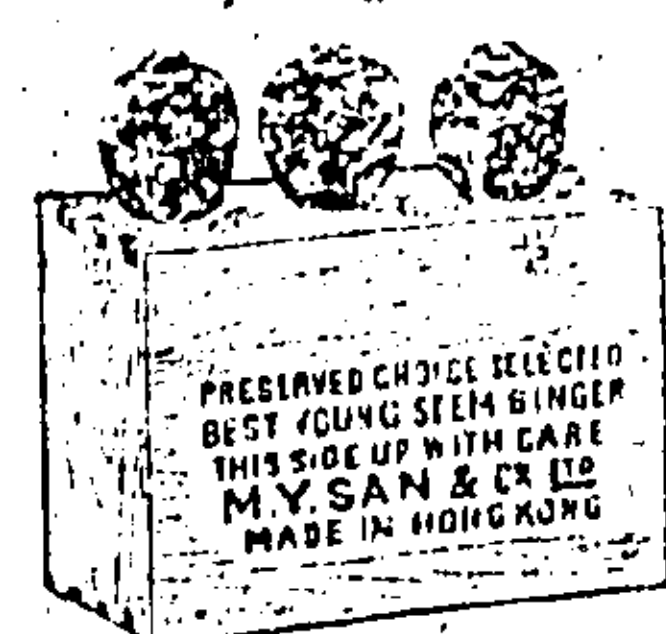
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Tit-Bits of the Year. 1925.

So confused is the political and general situation at the moment that many people will learn with a sigh of relief that Old Moore's Almanac for 1925 was published last month. Now we know where we are going, and politicians and others will be able to make their plans accordingly.

January, 1925, is a quiet month and we need not be profoundly disturbed to learn that the League of Nations will receive support from an unexpected source. Perhaps it means that Signor Mussolini will send it a small subscription.

February brings wonderful news. "Scotch members introduce the question of Home Rule for Scotland," says Old Moore. But he does not give us the figures of the division, and perhaps it won't come off after all.

March has trouble in Mexico and bad weather in the first week. The world manages to struggle along in spite of those catastrophes. April is thoroughly dull. But in May "a valuable architectural building is threatened in London." Let us hope this will not be Ludgate Hill Station.

In this same month we are told that "frequenters of racetracks will be well advised to proceed cautiously during the first 10 days, many favourites failing to carry their colours to victory." After this first 10 days all racetrack frequenters, presumably, will win.

In June "speculation in America causes a rapid advance in a well-known raw material." This is believed to be chewing gum. July jogs along quietly, with only a few political crises, and in August there are strikes in Japan.

DIVORCE SURPRISE.

One of the very best tit-bits of the year arrives with September. "The story revealed in a prominent divorce case unfolds a romance seldom met with, even in that court of stories." This is very intriguing, and suggests that a witness, by inadvertence or other cause, will tell the truth.

September continues to be a good month. "Rumours of unrest in the industrial world provide serious food for thought." Surely one might point out to Old Moore that we have had so much food of this kind already that we were fed up long ago.

So far not a frightfully exciting year. But Old Moore has more to withhold his best and he launches his real thunderbolt in October. Listen:

"France at length approaches England with a view to settling war debts to the advantage of the stabilization of the exchange."

One can see Old Moore rolling up his voluminous sleeve and saying, "This will startle 'em." It does. But after this effort, 1925 peters out very tamely. In December "the most depressing home feature is the huge War Debt." Evidently France did nothing, after all. It would seem advisable for Old Moore to pop over to Paris and see if he can't fix it up while there is time. Ex.

NEW STAMPS.

Australian Colour Changes.

Alterations in the colours of certain denominations of Australian stamps have been rendered necessary in order to conform with the provisions of the Madrid Postage Convention. The new colours with the exception of the halfpenny and sixpenny stamps, which are already in issue, have now come into operation.

The denominations affected, and the changes in colour to be made, are as follows:—Halfpenny, orange to green; 1d, green to violet; 1½d, red to green; 2d, warm plum to red; 3d, dark blue to bistre; 4d, bistre to blue; 6d, brown to blue. The design of the 3d stamp will be changed from the kangaroo to the King's head; the 2½d and 5d stamps will be abolished, as the new rates have had the effect of rendering those denominations unnecessary. A new stamp of 4½d, denomination, which will be violet in colour, has been issued for registration purposes. The former charge for registered letters was 5d.

FIRE WALKING.

Strange Custom of Religious Obscivance.

Half a mile beyond the village of Ampang, in the midst of mining fields, six miles from Kuala Lumpur, in the Federated Malay States, is a small Chinese temple. In nowise remarkable, writes a correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*. Here on the ninth day of the ninth moon by the lunar Chinese calendar a curious ceremony is annually held. I have lived in Kuala Lumpur 18 years and never seen it. I had always meant to go, but when ever I thought of it the ninth moon had been far ahead or only recently passed. This time I went.

All who take part and nearly all who look on are Chinese coolies, Hokkians who come from Fukien Province in Southern China. Some weeks before the ceremony large attap sheds are constructed around and in front of the temple and stalls spring up everywhere for the sale of food, drink, candles, crackers, joss-sticks, and other aids to devotion. Those taking part are secluded for some weeks in the temple precincts, undergoing a course of prayers and preparation. A vegetarian diet is absolutely necessary.

On the morning of the ninth day of the ninth moon at 11 o'clock, when I reached the place, the square before the temple was already inconveniently full, the greater part of it being taken up by an empty, roped-in circle. To the north-west there was a pile of ash five feet high, where firing of crackers had taken place continuously for days to drive away evil spirits from the narrow entrance. In front of the temple, facing west, was a large temporary shrine bright with candles, flowers in vases, burning joss-sticks, and gilt images. Opposite, on the other side of the ring, were two pavilions, one crowded with women and children, the other filled with Chinese musicians, who played a music that has no harmony, but which, I am assured, is delightful to Chinese ears and has a technique as intricate as ours. On the south side of the shrine, but within the ring, there was a large mast painted red with a green, faded bamboo hanging across it like a spar. This was lowered; the leaves were touched with fire and sprinkled with water, and again it was hoisted up.

PREPARING THE FIRE.

In the midst of the ring, which was some 50 or 60 feet in diameter, was a pile of charcoal, which was gradually increased till it was about 12 feet long and 18 inches high. Large squares of paper printed with gold and red devices were thrown on to it till the charcoal was covered. A middle-aged hierophant dressed in black sprinkled the pyro with a few drops of liquid, using as aspergillum a small twig with several large-green leaves. He shook in his left hand a bell and a dagger, and muttered invocations. The pyre was then lit on the southern side.

Assistants threw on more paper and scattered paper money, stirring the mass with poles and fanning it with pieces of matting till the charcoal began to glow. As soon as the paper was nearly consumed more would be thrown on, till at last the whole pile was covered with white, ashes and sent out a great glow, so that the figures on the other side of the ring shimmered in the heat. By this time the crowd was dense. The branches of the trees that shaded the temple were covered with people, and, looking behind me, I could see above the back-ground of booths, a high bank of spout from a neighbouring mine bright in the sun and crowded with hundreds of spectators and dozens of paper umbrellas.

The candidates for the ordeal had gradually trickled through the throng round the shrine, dressed in white coats and white pants, mostly bare-legged and bare-footed, with white handkerchiefs round their heads. Each carried something which looked like a rolled-up flag, and all had small bundles tied up in yellow cloth. An empty sedan chair, flag-decorated and gilded, was carried around by some of them on their shoulders, swinging from side to side. This, we were told, contained the god, Kow Wone-yeh by name—that is, Respected Ninth King—but it seemed to be quite empty. Then two stands were carried round, each supporting two Chinese girls, gorgeously apparelled, standing on pedestals. Then a fanatic, naked to the waist, with an axe in one hand and a dagger in the other, leaped and

abounded and cut himself on the back—long scratches which bled. He refreshed himself at every few steps with tea from the spout of a teapot held by a friend.

RUNNING ACROSS THE PYRE.

At last noon struck, and the way into the ring was cleared with much shouting on the north-west side. Two men appeared carrying spears with black banners decorated in red with the eight-sided sign of the Fakwa. This comprehensive symbol expresses in Chinese thought heaven and earth, wind and thunder, fire and water, the sexes, the elements of all metaphysical knowledge, and much else. With these they barred the passage, whilst the music played, cymbals crashed, and a great drum boomed from near the repainted mast. The hierophant again appeared with bell and dagger. With the latter he traced in the earth on the north-west and south-east sides of the pyre what apparently was a double Greek cross. A great silence fell; one could almost hear the pigs grunting in the squatters' gardens near by. Ubi Soreas ibi sus. The sun, the crowd, the fire made the heat almost unbearable, and sweat poured down the circle of expectant faces. Suddenly handfuls of paddy were thrown on to the glowing heap. A great crackling arose, dense smoke, and here and there a little yellow flame. One after the other the candidates ran across from north-west to south-east. Most took four steps, two with each foot, but some cleared it in three. The sedan chair and the two stands, the latter no longer supporting the girls, and two large red polygonal objects were carried over at a slower pace. As the last candidate passed the rope barrier was lowered.

I walked up to the heap of charcoal. It was still very hot. There were about 100 candidates. None seemed burnt or in any way hurt. Some walked away at once with the departing crowd. We spoke to the ring-master. He was pleased that everything had gone off well. Boasting, he told us that all was over, that each man who had walked through the fire would be well for the next year, and that no woman was allowed to compete.

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The *Jiji Shippu* (Tokyo) says that some 2,500 Japanese in Yokohama are endeavouring to engage passages to the United States in order to arrive there before the exclusion provision becomes effective. The paper adds that at least 1,000 of them will be unable to secure passages because of the limited shipping facilities.

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THE JELLYFISH.

Venomous "Ghosts of the
Sea."Not long ago Dr. Paul Bartsch,
of the Smithsonian Institution,
was an eye-witness of a thrilling
and most unusual form of death—
a sea diver stung to death in the
tentacles of a huge jellyfish.Lately Dr. Bartsch, writes
Popular Science magazine, has been
making a study of jellyfishes in
Florida waters, where those
venomous "ghosts of the sea," as
they are called, are so numerous
that he was obliged to wear tall
boots and otherwise protect him-
self against their stings while
wading. "One night as I was
touching living fire," he says.The victim of this horrible
form of death was a young man.
He dived into the sea, and by a
most unfortunate accident, came
up beneath the creature's um-
brella. Its tentacles were in-
stantly wrapped about his head
and the venom they shot into
him so paralysed him that he
sank and drowned.Lewis Radcliffe, who accom-
panied Dr. Bartsch on his re-
search adventures, was so
badly stung by a jellyfish that
he was laid up in bed for forty-
eight hours. Dr. Bartsch tells
how, when exploring for speci-
mens, he was obliged to wade
through such swarms of jelly-
fishes that there seemed almost
to be more jelly than water. It
is his conclusion substantiated by
his recent findings, that all jelly
fishes are venomous.But it is the large specimens
found in offshore water north of
Cape Cod and in the warmer
climates that are dangerous.
Sometimes their umbrella shaped
bodies attain a diameter of eight
feet and they have tentacles 120
feet long.

ANIMATED SEAWATER.

A jellyfish is a highly organi-
sed animal, with a complex ner-
vous system, yet it is hardly
more than "animated seawater,"
as Professor Alexander Agassiz
remarked. It is actually 99 per
cent. water. If one be placed on
a clean sheet of white blotting
paper and left a few hours, all
that remains will be a slight
stain.Jellyfishes are of many species,
varying in size from a pinhead to
monsters such as those above
described. Multitudes of tiny
ones often cause a brilliant
phosphorescence over wide areas
of the ocean. There are large
species which, brightly luminous
at night, are called by sailors
"fire balloons."They have the shape of an
umbrella, from the margin of
which hang numerous tentacles
armed with stinging cells.
Beneath the middle of the body
is the stomach and mouth of the
creature. It swims by rhythmi-
cally opening and closing the um-
brella. The tentacles are used
for the capture of prey small
fishes and crustaceans, which
are paralysed by the stings and
then devoured.The sting of a large specimen
is so powerful as to give a shock
comparable to that of an electric
battery. Manifestly the venom
carried by jellyfishes must be
strong stuff, but not until very
recently has anything been de-
finitely known about the offen-
sive and defensive equipment of
these "ghosts of the sea."Creatures well rich devoid of
substance, yet so formidable.
Distributed along the tentacles
of the jellyfish are thousands of
"nettle cells," in each of which
is coiled like a lasso a long
thread-like tube with a dart of
inconceivable sharpness on the
end of it.Erected upon each nettle cell
is a tiny "trigger hair," which,
if touched, sets off the whole
mechanism. The trigger hair
communicates with the ramifi-ing nervous system of the animal,
and thus the slightest contact
will cause thousands of darts to
shoot forth from the tentacles.
Each dart carries only an in-
finitesimal quantity of venom, but
wounds inflicted by a great many
of them simultaneously may (as
happened in the case of Mr.
Radcliffe) disable a man.The darts are shot out with
such force as easily to pierce a
person's skin. As for the poison
they carry, what is it? The an-
swer is that nobody knows ex-
actly. It is a complex chemical
compound, and like the venom of
the honeybee, consist chiefly
of formic acid.

CANNIBALS.

Jellyfishes are wholly carni-
vorous. They are also cannibals,
eating one another when oppor-
tunity serves. When a fish is so
unlucky to swim into contact
with one of these sea-ghosts, the
tentacles seize it, paralyze it with
a thousand venomous darts, and
having thus rendered the prey
helpless, contract and bring it up
to the remorseless mouth. After
it has been retained in the
stomach a few days, the mouth
rejects the undigested remains.Thus far nothing has been said
about the way in which jellyfishes
reproduce their species, which is
really very wonderful. With most
of them the beginning is an egg,
which, lying on the bottom, pro-
duces a beautiful, tree-like
growth. The "tree," fastening
itself in the bottom of pseudo-
rootlets, brings forth buds which,
when ripe, drop off and develop
into jellyfishes. The latter layeggs, and thus the cycle is made
complete.But most of the very large
species have a different method
of reproduction. The egg, set
free in the water, develops into
a pear-shaped larva, which for a
while swims rapidly about being
provided with hair-like append-
ages that serve the purpose of
ears. Then the larva settles
down, anchors itself to the bot-
tom, increases in size quite fast,
and finally splits up into thin,
flat discs which swim off and
grow up into big jellyfishes.Of this type is a monster
jellyfish, the largest species
known, which fishermen call the
"sea blubber." It is dark amber
in colour, and apparently grows
in a twelvemonth from the size
of a penny to a body diameter of
seven or eight feet, with tentacles
100 more feet in length. A for-
midable sea-hoist, truly! Though
the statement cannot be made
with absolute certainty, it is
believed that no jellyfish lives
more than a year.

SNAKES IN LIEU OF HAIR.

All of the umbrella-like jelly-
fishes belong to a family known to
science as the "medusae" being
named after the fury of an ancient
mythology who wore snakes in
lieu of hair. Of a different,
though related family, are the so-
called "Portuguese men-o-
War," of which immense swarms
are found in tropical Atlantic
waters. It was one of these that
stung Mr. Radcliffe so severely.
The body of this tropical jelly-
fish is an oblong disc four inches
long, and a deep blue-green in

AN ODD FASHION.

Tea Chewing In Siam.

Tea is native to Siam, growing
wild on the hillsides in the north.
While it is also cultivated to a
limited extent, it is not used by
the natives generally as a be-
verage, tea drinking being con-
sidered largely to the foreigners and
those Siamese who have adopted
certain European customs.In the mountain valleys the
practice of chewing pickled tea
leaves is common and peculiar to
Upper Siam. After the picked
leaves have been exposed to the
sun for a few days they are
steamed to remove all tannin,
then thrown into vessels or into
pits in the ground to ferment,
after which they are ready for
use. A ball of this "mieng," as
it is called, is placed in the cheek,
where the action of the saliva ex-
tracts the juice. Continued
practice produces a large swell-
ing on one side of the face as if
the person were suffering from
toothache, writes Mr. Frank R.
Eldridge in *Oriental Trade
Methods*.It floats vertically at
the surface of the sea, the upper
being a chambered float filled
with air. Along the top is a sort
of frill, which, to the imagination
of mariners, has suggested a
likeness to sail. Numbers of little
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tentacles on the under side are
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Yet many housewives boil it to kill bacteria and make it
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IT JUMBO—IT SLIPPED
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HOW LONG?

Yet another American life has been sacrificed to misrule in China. Yesterday brought news of the murdering of Mr. Edwin C. Hawley, an American business man, whilst he was supervising the loading of a vessel, by junk workers who resented the fact that the steamer is replacing native boat for cargo-carrying purpose. This outrage occurred on China's best-known and most important river, not in any out-of-the-way spot to which foreigners seldom penetrate. We are wondering what the upshot of this affair will be. Will the United States be again content with a mere expression of "hope" that the murderers will be brought to justice, as in the case of Mr. Diskmore, who recently succumbed to injuries inflicted upon him by bandits? We sincerely trust not.

When we call to mind the Lincheng affair and the almost innumerable instances, before and since, of the kidnapping of foreigners, who have suffered physical harm in addition to the indignity of capture, it becomes clear that all these outrages, whether in North China or in the South, are due to one circumstance—namely, the utter absence of governmental authority in China. It is a sorry commentary on the development of China that in this the thirteenth year of the so-called Republic, foreign life and property is placed in almost as much jeopardy (more in some respects) than in the days of Marco Polo. Where is this misadministration going to end? Who are going to be held responsible for its effects? What is the punishment to be? And who will be called upon to make amends to those who have suffered and others who have been bereaved through the sheer inability of any Government in China to carry out pledged obligations for the respecting of foreign life and property? These are pertinent queries. And they call for definite answers.

One point that we cannot overlook is that these outrages are taking place at a moment when Britain and America are displaying a keen anxiety to help China by foregoing their Boxer Indemnity rights, planning to utilise the money for the benefit of the Chinese. It is indeed the irony of fate that these, contrast-

ing developments should occur simultaneously. There must, however, be a limit to foreign patience and endurance. These things cannot go on for ever. So far, China has been given every possible latitude; every chance to work out her own salvation. She is failing in the endeavour. Will others have to take the task in hand?

China and Russia.

Without going deeply on this occasion into a discussion of all the aspects of China's relations with Russia, we would draw attention to the peculiar fascination that Soviet envoys seem to have exercised recently both in the North and South. The Canton Government is admittedly inclined towards the idea of Socialism, and it is a question whether this means Bolshevism; whilst at Peking the Russian mission has met with quite a fair measure of success. At one time, a few weeks ago, it seemed as if Moscow's delegates were up against a determined Chinese front, and we had the incident of a Russian ultimatum and a threat of war. Whether this was more bluff, or whether the immediate combination of the Powers to resist Soviet dictation had the effect of changing the aspect of events, we cannot say, but all the same the difference between China of to-day and of two months ago means a big gain for the Soviet's aims in the East. The affair of the Chinese Eastern Railway is likely to lead to serious complications if no effort be made to safeguard all interests. A Reuters cable tells us that of the Powers with a say in the matter, the United States, France, and Japan have ineffectively protested against the arrangement whereby Russia is to share in exclusive control of the railway with the Chinese. Britain appears not to have lodged any complaint yet, probably owing to the desire not to embarrass the Anglo-Soviet negotiations proceeding in London; but our Government cannot remain indifferent to the matter, which is of vital interest not only to the future position of the Powers as regards their rights in China, but also to the peace of the Far East.

Immigration Restriction.

Now that the United States of America has replied to Japan's note of protest against the exclusion embodied in the new immigration law, the last hope that the Japanese might have entertained of a modification of that policy has gone. As Mr. Hughes has rightly pointed out, the idea of restricted immigration is nothing new, in itself, and was provided for in previous treaties with Japan. America has always reserved this right to decide who shall or shall not enter her territories, and it is a right which every country should retain. In fact, as the United States' reply mentions, the Japanese Government has itself placed certain restrictions on foreigners, of which the regulation regarding the owning of landed property is a case in point. However, the new attitude of the Japanese people towards Americans is disquieting, especially as it is likely to reflect itself in the general behaviour towards all foreigners. We know that few of the responsible elements in Japan approve of the anti-American demonstrations, nevertheless they are growing in vigour and seriousness. In the end such matters as a business boycott can recoil with greater damage to the agitators themselves, but even were common sense to prevail and the movement die down, there will for long be an aftermath of bitterness, which is extremely regrettable. We fear that Mr. Hughes' note will have the effect at first of increasing this anti-American feeling, so that the statement "diplomatic circles are of opinion that the incident is now closed" loses its point. The matter might be closed diplomatically, but not nationally.

ITALIAN POLITICAL CASE.

Arrest of Prominent Fascist.

Rome, June 19. The arrest of Marinelli, one of the original Fascists, and administrative secretary to the party since its foundation, enjoying authority second only to Signor Mussolini's, has amazed and shocked the public, though the fact that he was not included in the directory mentioned on June 16 had already revealed that he no longer enjoyed Signor Mussolini's confidence. —Reuter.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DUTIFULNESS OF CHILDREN IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL VIRTUES.—Cicero.

There was one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever notified yesterday.

Mrs. S. Borg, wife of the Consul for Norway, left by the s.s. Tango Maru for Australia on a vacation trip.

Mr. W. J. Hawker and Mr. H. W. Ray were passengers leaving by the s.s. President Jefferson.

A six-year-old Chinese lad was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday as a result of being knocked down at Whitfield by a Connaught Garage car.

Our Macao correspondent, writing under date of yesterday, stated that Portuguese fliers had not arrived, being still held up in Hanoi owing to bad weather.

A Chinese was knocked down by a motor car early this morning in Queen's Road West and received injuries from which he died, later, at the Government Civil Hospital.

A clan fight occurred on Ping-chau Island yesterday, with the result that three men are in the custody of the police on a charge of inflicting wounds on one of their countrymen.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include two photographs of the official landing of M. Morlin at Blako Pier; a group of the Hongkong Committee in connection with the Centenary Celebrations; a picture of the launching of the new river steamer Tung On; a group taken at the wedding of Mr. H. McTavish and Miss C. L. Scott; a portrait of little Miss Florence Fowler, one of Hongkong's competitors in the Empire Baby Competition; and a photograph of Mr. James Yanning Lee and his bride (Miss Elsie Suey Ng Ming.)

ILLEGAL DIVAN.

IN CHARGE OF 15-YEAR OLD BOY.

For smoking opium in an illegal divan kept by a fifteen year old boy, with a hunchback, two Chinese were each fined \$20, or three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. His Worship told defendants (that as they wished to smoke in a divan run by a boy, who was given charge of the place in order to evade the law, they would be severely punished. His Worship remarking that the boy, who was charged keeping with the divan, would probably not be wanted in the prison, reserved sentence on him till he (the magistrate) had consulted the doctor as to his condition.

Later, the boy was taken before a doctor, who stated that he was not very strong. After warning the lad not to keep a divan again Mr. Hamilton discharged him with a caution.

"MAYTIME."

AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A tit-bit of "Maytime," the Gaesner production which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from to-day till Monday, is the appearance of twelve of Hollywood's prettiest screen beauties. They are to be seen together in the ball-room scenes which remain one of the brilliance of some of the sets in "Daughters of the Rich," shown in Hongkong last month.

Another unusual feature is that the star, Ethel Shannon, takes three different parts which show her as a flapper, a woman of mature years and a relic of an old aristocratic family embittered towards life through parental prejudices.

This picture could have been claimed to be an object lesson on the influence of romance on life through different generations. A pair of young lovers are frustrated but their modernised children make up for broken hearts. The final scenes give a vivid pictorialization of the reunion of the older couple and their offspring. One debt offsets another debt and generosity meets generosity when all misunderstanding is cleared.

Harrison Ford is seen to ad-ontage as the hero of the play.

TWO-MINUTE TALKS

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LOVE IN CHAINS.

Cupid is supposed to fly fancy free. He throws his dart without respect to peer or peasant's station in life. The "laughing boy" impales the hearts of those who often seem to us the most ill assorted couples. But often love appears to fade before the strong realities of married life. I hear husbands who speak with weariness of the matrimonial "bond" and wives who mourn that they are "fed up" with the monotony of housework and the cares of the children. These are the women who want more freedom. Before we blame them we ought to try to understand something of their existence. Plenty of people are writing positively about the "decay of marriage" and arrogantly prophesying the "break up of the institution." I do not believe that, because there are a few hearts adrift, Marriage is going to founder like a stricken ship. The very foundations of our family life are laid upon the ordinance of marriage. It will be an evil day for the nation if we allow any tampering with them. If husband and wife are unhappy, it is better to try and understand the cause than to grow pessimistic and assume that marriage is a failure. One untimely snowflake doesn't make a winter, and because "He" is wretched and "She" is miserable it is no guarantee that the couple who live next door are bemoaning matrimonial infelicity. It was a wise saying of John Wesley (himself unhappily mated); "One wretched couple will make a shrill to-do; do not judge from this that all marriages are a failure."

A LOCAL CAUSERIE.

[BY "IMPRESSIONIST"]

It was no mere coincidence which has made M. Morlin Governor-General of Indo-China, for this statesman, whose arrival in the Colony has evoked a great deal of interest, possesses the happy knack of understanding native mentality, which, combined with a wide Colonial experience, ideally fits him for the responsible post he now occupies. The interest he manifests in native affairs has struck a responsive chord elsewhere, for we read in the *Tribune Indigene* (an organ devoted to native interests in Saigon), an appeal to the Governor-General for amelioration of the lot of the band of miners who now work under considerable hardships in New Caledonia. How far the allegations made against those who were responsible for the tin mines there are true, I am not in the position to say, but it is eloquent of the trust and confidence reposed in the new Governor-General that within the comparatively short period since his appointment he should have received such an appeal.

His tour through China, where he embraced the opportunity to establish direct contact with the Annamite colonies at the different cities visited left nothing but a very favourable impression behind, and the wishes of these proteges of France are for a very useful administration on the part of their Governor-General in the homeland. The period of progress and economic expansion which first definitely settled over the country under the sympathetic administration of M. Sarraut (who later became Colonial Minister under the late Poincare Ministry) promises to be considerably strengthened under the new administration.

The saying that "if wishes were horses beggars would ride" came very nearly to being an actual fact last week when a strange procession was seen to make its way towards the Central Police Station. Following behind a Police Sergeant, and attached to a string were about a dozen beggars—the blind, the lame, the halt, and what-not—who were caught in one full clean-up which the officer made of the business quarter of the town in consequence of the receipt of a letter of complaint against this nuisance. The strangest part of the affair was that the blind were seen to carry the lame, each contributing

KONGMOON NEWS.

CHAN TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Kongmoon, June 19. The spell, that appeared to have bound the southern front during the last few months, when neither of the fighting parties seemed to make any progress, has now been broken with the report that the pro-Chan troops have advanced to Na Loong, which is about 18 miles from Yanning City. As a counter-move, over 3,000 soldiers were sent by General Hsu Sung-chi to the front via Paksha, which is the terminus of the branch line of the Sunning Railway leading off from Sunning City, and is about 30 miles from Yanning. This manoeuvre is apparently intended to out-flank the pro-Chan soldiers, and, incidentally, coopt them up so as to put them to utter rout. However, it is much doubted whether the pro-Chan Commanders will be out-generalled in this way. Under the instruction of the Magistrate, the Public Works Bureau of Sunning has drawn up a plan for widening the main road running through Sai Ning Si, the suburban market of Sunning City. The width of the new road will be 27 feet with a side-walk, 9 feet wide, on either side. The owners of the houses and shops involved in the scheme have been served notices to have parts of their buildings demolished to make room for the public road, this to be done within a month.

to enable quick progress to be made towards the destination.

Enquiries showed the *esprit de corps* perceptible in this act of kindness amongst themselves arose from the fact that they were members of one organization, viz. the Beggars' Guild of Canton. The members of this Guild (possessing) a high estimation of themselves as a necessary spoke in the social wheel, recently went on strike; it will be remembered, when they harboured a grudge, and were induced to resume "work" with difficulty. For the same reason the truculent attitude of our beggars may be understood. It was learned from a Police that many of the mendicants seen in our streets come from Canton. They are able to do this, in spite of repeated deportations, on the funds received from their Guild. These funds are contributed during "working" periods and have saved many a beggar from starvation when times were hard.

INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS.

BRITISH LADIES EASILY BEAT AMERICANS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 19.

At Wimbledon, in the ladies' international lawn tennis match, Britain beat America by six matches to one.

Miss McKane beat Miss Wills by 6-2, 6-2, being superior in all departments.

Mrs. Covell beat Mrs. Mallory by 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Mrs. Bonnish beat Miss Goss by 6-1, 8-10, 6-3.

Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman (America) beat Misses McKane and Colyer (Britain) by 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

France Defeats India.

Paris, June 19.

In the Davis Cup, Cochet (France) beat Sloss (India) by 6-1, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0; whilst Jacob had a walk-over from La Coste. France won by four matches to one.

INDIAN ENQUIRY COMMITTEE.

Its Limited Powers.

London, June 19.

The terms of reference of the committee which the Government of India is appointing to enquire into the difficulties and defects of working of the Government of India Act, show that the committee may only suggest remedies consistent with the structure and purpose of the Act, and such amendments as may be necessary to rectify any administrative imperfections.

The members include Sir Alexander Muddiman, as chairman, the Maharaja Burdwan, Sir Muhammad Shah, and T. E. J. Sir Sapru. Reuter.

SOCIALISTS SUPPORT FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

No Capital Levy Yet.

Paris, June 19.

The Socialist attitude towards the Herriot Government is defined in a statement by M. Paul Faure in the Chamber, namely the socialists retain their independence but will support the Government as long as the latter remains true to its own principles.

M. Herriot foreshadowed stringent financial retrenchment and rigorous collection of the income tax, and declared that at present there is no question of a capital levy. Reuter.

Paris, June 19.

Prior to M. Herriot's departure for London, the Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 313 to 234.

The Poincarist, M. De Selves, has been elected President of the Senate by 151 to 134, against M. Herriot's candidate, M. Bienvenu Martin. Reuter.

HOME CRICKET

Essex Makes a Better Show.

London, June 19.

The resumption of the match between Essex and the South Africans at Colchester opened in fine weather, before three thousand spectators, on a good wicket. The South Africans were all out just before lunch, after compiling 263. Taylor contributed 126 with a superb and chanceless effort, lasting one hundred and forty-five minutes, including seventeen fours. Nourse contributed a sound 48. London took 6 for 71 altogether, taking 6 for 23 to-day.

Essex going in again compiled 296 for 7, Russell scoring 108 in three hours, including ten fours, with clean cutting and driving. O'Connor hit up 51. Reuter.

In their first innings the previous day Essex were all out for 155.]

Sutcliffe's Double Century.

London, June 19.

At the Oval, Surrey beat Dorsetshire by an innings and 34 runs. Dorset compiled 130, Sadler taking 4 for 23, then 120, Sadler taking 5 for 32. Surrey scored 284 for 9 and declared, Hobbs contributing 118, not out. At Dowsbury, Yorkshire beat Somerset by an innings and 202. Somerset scored 132 and 100, Macaulay taking 3 for 10. Yorkshire compiled 434 for 8 and declared, Sutcliffe making the highest score of the season 213.

HONGKONG EDUCATION.

WHAT THE Y.M.C.A. IS DOING.

Of the more than six hundred schools of all sizes and kinds in Hongkong, 64 are evening schools. Of this latter class, one of the oldest in the Colony is the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Evening School of English and Commerce, which pioneered in offering night study to men and boys 18 years ago. From a class of half a dozen students, this school has developed until 220 have been enrolled, with 14 teachers in the present term, the closing exercises of which are to be held in the Association's auditorium on Saturday evening, 28th June.

The courses pursued have included six grades in English, the commercial branches of learning, bookkeeping, typewriting, shorthand and Mandarin—first aid to the injured, and music. While most of the students are Chinese, quite a few of other nationalities have been enrolled, such as English, Portuguese, Japanese, and Indians, thus giving something of an international atmosphere to some of the classes. Although 16 years is the youngest age a student may enroll, no maximum age-limit is set and there have been instances of men past middle age who have studied in the evening school in order to make up for deficiencies of earlier years. The "Y" is thus peculiarly fitted in its educational as well as in its other departments to be "all things to all men," and the sentiment of the poet is applicable.

The heights by great men reached and kept Were not achieved by sudden flight, But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night.

"Toiling upward in the night" is true of the student who during the day has to earn his living and in the evening apply his mind in fitting himself for better work and promotion. In nearly all of Hongkong's large firms and in many smaller concerns can be found one or more employees, and in some cases firm members, who have at some time received practical instruction in the Y.M.C.A. Evening School. A distinct contribution of no small importance has been and is being made to the commercial life of the community by this institution that has been little known and even less recognized. One outstanding instance, by no means the only one, of more than ordinary notice that may be mentioned is that of a young man who many years ago, while working ten hours a day for \$10 a month, enrolled as a student in the Evening School for several years. His success to-day as general manager and part owner in one of Hongkong's large industries he attributes to the preparation he received under the guidance of the Y.M.C.A.

In addition to evening class work, the Association's educational programme includes free practical talks, frequently given, and debating and other clubs of a highly intellectual nature, meeting weekly.

SHARE MARKET.

LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lamert advise us that they are in receipt of the following cabled quotations from their London Agents this morning:—

Shell Transport.—82/- buyers; 84/6 sellers.

Mexican Eagles.—13/7 1/2 buyers; 14/7 1/2 sellers.

Anglo-Perians.—53/- buyers; 61/6 sellers.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. have kindly supplied us with the following cable quotations of Shanghai stocks from their Shanghai office:—

Langkats (comb.)—Tls. 19 buyers.

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Shanghai Cotton.—Tls. 55 buyers.

OCEAN CROSSED IN TUG.

Perilous Voyage in 60-Ton Craft.

Graphic stories of a 20 days' voyage across the Atlantic in a 60-ton salvage tug were told at Liverpool last month, when Captain J. C. Leslie and the crew of 12 of the tug Salvage Prince returned from Montreal by the White Star Dominion liner Canada.

The Salvage Prince is believed to be the smallest vessel to cross the Atlantic under her own power. Captain Leslie said the tug was built by Messrs. Cochrane and Son, Selby, for use on Canadian rivers. Captain Leslie and the crew took the little tug from Hull on April 11, and handed her over at Montreal on May 1.

"It was the worst experience I have ever had at sea," said the captain. During the whole 20 days we had very heavy swells, and our decks were under water most of the time, often shipping as much as three feet of water. "We burned a hundred tons of coal in the 20 days, and I think it was due to the lightness of our craft that we got through. We were just carried on over each heavy sea like a cork."

"The crew lost most of their effects through damage by sea water. We were soaked most of the time."

An extract from the log reads:—April 11, 6 p.m. Vessel hove to. Rolling heavily. Cabin and forecabin flooded. Many articles of crockery and stores destroyed. 11 p.m. High confused seas all over the place. Spray flying everywhere.

Captain Leslie went on to say that for the sake of saving time they went the northern route, by the North of Scotland and Portland Firth, straight across to Cape Race, instead of by the southern route, via the Azores and Bermuda, which was usually taken by very small vessels. They sighted some big icebergs.

Though the tug was entirely new, she behaved splendidly, and did not suffer any seriously accident.

"We never expected to come out of it alive," said one of the crew, referring to the heavy seas encountered on one particular night when half-way across the Atlantic.

DEPRESSED BY DEFEAT.

The defeat of the Conservative candidate at Reading at the General Election has just had a tragic sequel. Mrs. Rose Smith, of Florida, Caversham, president of one of the Conservative ward committees, was greatly disappointed at Major Cadogan's defeat, and suffered a complete breakdown in health. Recently, her husband, on returning home, found her missing. He went in search, and found her dead lying face downwards in three feet of water. A verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind, was returned at the inquest.

WATERLOO BRIDGE CLOSED.

Waterloo Bridge, a serious subsidence of one of the piers of which has been engaging the attention of engineers for some weeks, was officially closed to traffic last month, and in a statement explaining the reason for such action the London County Council announced that it is "both as a measure of precaution and to expedite the works now being executed." At present the authorities are unable to say when the bridge can be reopened.



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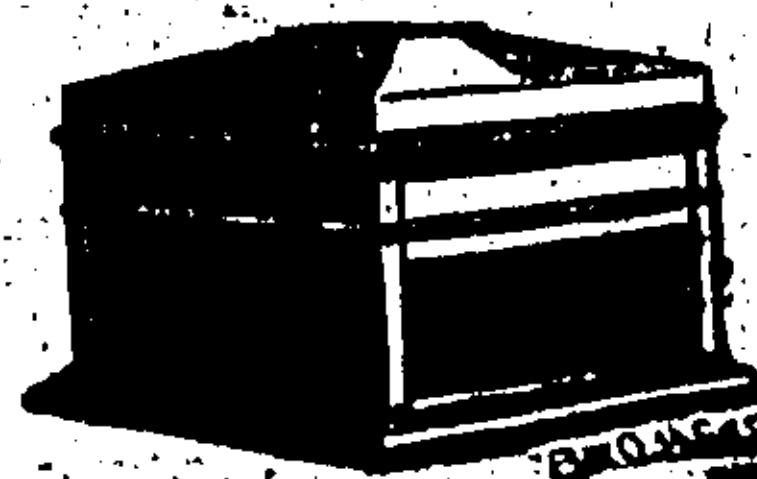
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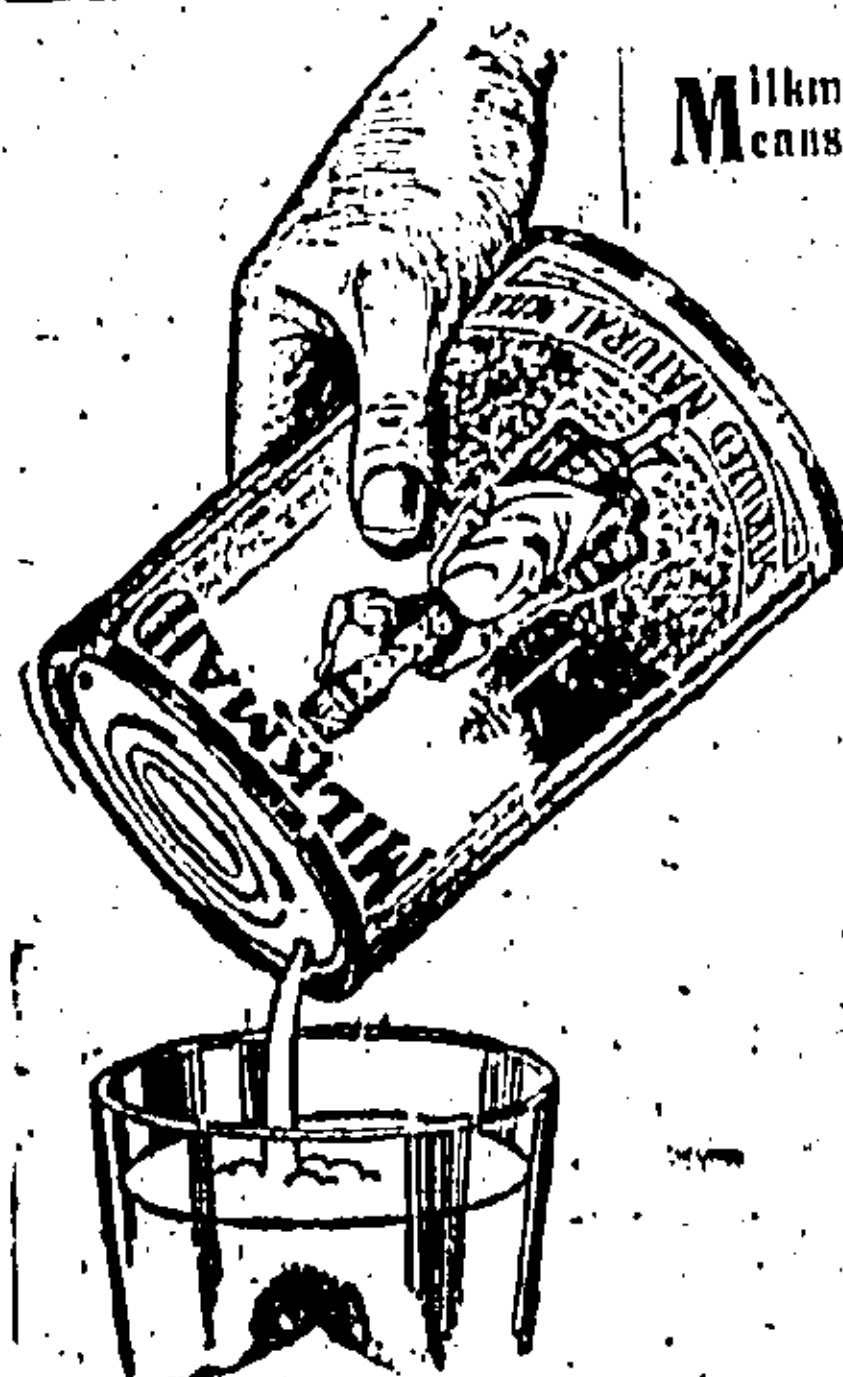
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Scene in Cumberland Valley flood area where the Potomac river has been running wild, causing great damage to property.



So that Helen Wills might keep in form during her trip to Europe, where she will take part in the Olympic games and probably meet Suzanne Lenglen, a tennis court was built upon the liner Berengaria. The photo shows workmen rushing work on a backstop with inset of Miss Wills, America's girl tennis marvel.



First photographs to reach the United States showing the abandoned steamer Franconsten, which caught fire in the Red Sea, with 1,200 pilgrims aboard. The British steamer Clan Macdonald went to the rescue and took off the passengers, which included a number of Europeans. In lower right may be seen a section of the stern of the rescue ship.



High and dry, but little damaged. A little patching and the Associated Oil tanker Frank H. Buck, which went aground near Point Pinos Lighthouse, California, will be ready for the water again. Standing on the rocks are the "survivors."



This is the first anti-American demonstration in Japan since Congress took up consideration of the exclusion act. It was held in Sano Park in Tokyo. "Down with arrogant America," the speaker shouted.



Storms sweeping the South Atlantic states have left a trail of death and desolation in their wake. One hundred persons are reported to have been killed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. This picture shows what the tornado left of a country mansion near Greenville.



Fireman "Jiggs," who is a full-fledged member of the Hollywood fire department. The gong is still ringing when he is up on his seat. And he can scale a ladder, too.



This is all that remained of the L. & N. railroad freight house at Greenville, after a tornado swept the town.

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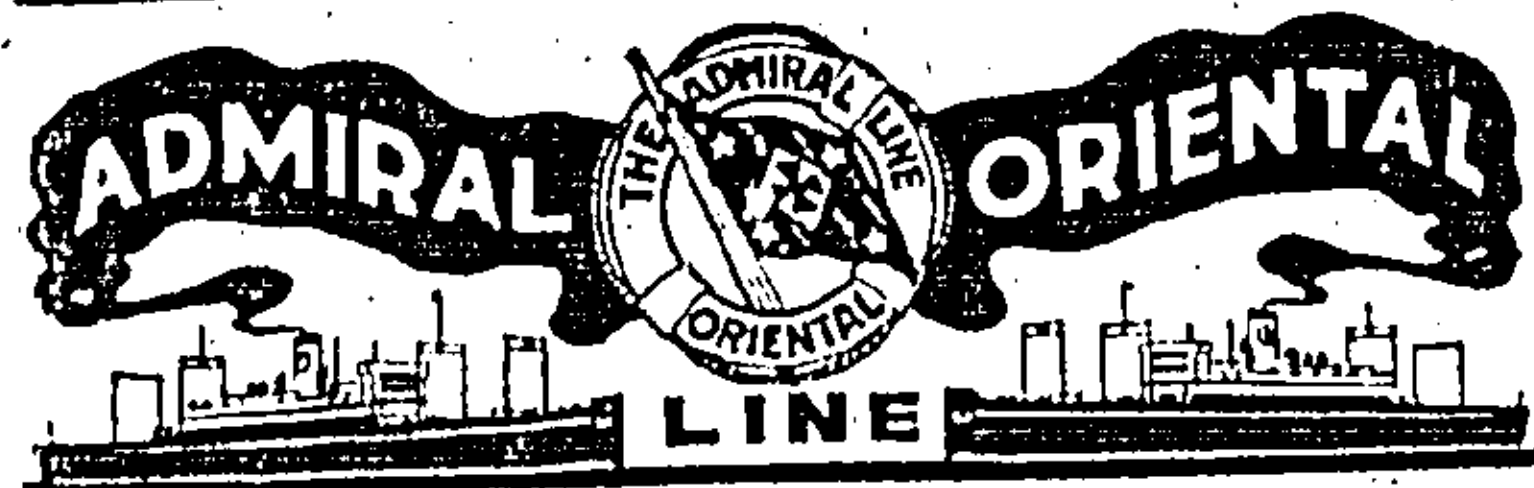
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The special Sub-Committee of the Cabinet which was set up some little time ago to consider details of the trans-Empero airship scheme drawn up by Commander Dennis Burney has now completed its investigations.

It has reported in terms which it is understood, the Cabinet will now adopt—an announcement to this effect being expected in a day or so's time.

The plan as it now stands is a compromise. The commercial interests, as represented by Commander Burney's scheme, are to build one giant airship of 5,000,000 cubic feet capacity, 20,000 miles radius.

The Air Ministry is to build a second machine, a Government craft, which will be equipped as a long-range aerial cruiser, and which will be handed over to the Admiralty for experiments.

This latter machine will be able to cruise at 80 miles an hour for 10,000 miles, or from London to Australia nonstop. At the reduced cruising speed of 45 miles an hour it will be able without alighting for 20 days, covering in this time a total distance of 20,000 miles.

Tests are, it is understood, to be made by the Admiralty in carrying aeroplanes in this big airship. It is expected that the machine will be able to bear aloft three fighting planes and a couple of torpedo dropping machines, in addition to a stock of bombs and torpedoes, and the personnel necessary for the operation of the planes.

The commercial airship liner which is to be constructed is to be employed in experimental flights between London and India, making these journeys in three and a half days, with one stop at Cairo, where there will be a mooring-mast.

200 PASSENGERS.
 This immense ship will be able to lift a weight of 44 tons, as represented by passengers and goods. On the London-India route it will be capable of carrying 200 passengers and 11 tons of urgent mails and merchandise. Each passenger will be allowed three suit-cases for luggage.

So luxuriously will this craft be equipped that there will be less noise and motion than in an express train. It will have sleeping cabins, a dining and smoking room, and even such a luxury as bath-rooms.

This ship, when it has completed its commercial trials successfully, will be acquired by the Government for official experiments.

Then, when the experimental phase is over, and both these first airship liners have been thoroughly tried out, the whole project for a regular commercial airship service across the Empire will be considered anew, and a programme drawn up whereby a commercial company has some form of tangible assistance from the State.

CHINESE PAINTINGS.

Valuable Exhibition in London.

A further selection from the treasures of the British Museum in Oriental Art has now been placed on view in the exhibition gallery of the Department of Prints and Drawings, says a London paper. It consists of Chinese paintings, Japanese screens, and Buddhist paintings—the last from the Stein collection. What astonishes in this kind of art, states the critic of *The Times* is, first, its dignity of feeling, and, secondly, its technical beauty; and the simplicity of the relation between the two makes this exhibition a valuable refuge from the distractions of modern Western performance, and an unfailing standard of abiding qualities, whatever the accent or idiom.

A recent acquisition, "Portrait of Lady Lien," by an anonymous Chinese artist of the 13th century, has the artistic probity and simplicity of a Holbein portrait, but with an intimacy that Holbein rarely reached. Next to it is a "Winter Landscape" attributed to the 14th century artist, Sheng Mou, in which not only the structural but the atmospheric character of a rocky valley, with trees in the foreground, is got with perfect simplicity and ease, with the brush in ink. On the other side of the gallery there are two striking portraits: an immensely dignified "Retired Official," late Ming, in blue, with a black cap, and a "Portrait of a Lady," very pensive, seated on a stool, chin on hand, with a blue scarf defining her willowy length—a Boldini in pose, but more than a Boldini in grace of execution.

Two of the Buddhist paintings, "Buddha Sees the Sick Man" and so awakens to the transience of human existence—and "Buddha Disputing with the Doctors," of the ninth to the tenth century, have a special interest in that they are purely Chinese in style, without the Indian influence which is generally found in the less dogmatic incidents of the Buddha story. Since the same purity of character, whatever the merit of execution, persists through all phases of Chinese art in dealing with the "Sick Man" incident, it may be supposed to have a special importance. Two of the Japanese screens are strongly contrasted: "Landscape in Mist," signed "Tanyu (1692-1674)," where there is nothing, so to speak, but a touch here and there to indicate the emergent forms; and "Autumn in the Mountains," attributed to Sesshu (1420-1506), which is an intricate maze of twigs.

DOCK LABOURER AS ARTIST.
 The exhibition of modern art at Liverpool contains examples from the brush of a dock labourer named Robinson, who is almost entirely self-taught. "I gave him a pencil long before he was 10 years old," said his sister to a Press representative, "and he would draw familiar objects with ease and faithfulness of detail."

THE RABBIT PROBLEM.

Some Australian Schemes.

I do not know who introduced the rabbit to Australia, declares the Sydney correspondent of the *Times*. There is a historical record of the event, but there is no monument to the hero, for the rabbit is the greatest pest the country has to endure. The prickly pear has covered six million acres, the dingoes are a curse, but the rabbit is long past cursing. You can motor for hundreds of miles, thousands of miles, in Australia with rabbit netting on each side of the road.

Here are a few particulars of what the rabbit means to New South Wales. It costs the country £25,000,000 per annum by eating pasturage which otherwise would feed 30,000,000 sheep. As a sheep is reckoned to eat five acres of pasturage per annum the rabbits have foreclosed on some 150,000,000 acres, and probably a great deal more. The State of New South Wales has already paid out £6,644,015 for wire rabbit fencing. In addition the rabbit is rapid, skinned, and thrown aside, which does not appreciably decrease his numbers, but incidentally causes a loss of £5,000,000 per annum to the State. Before the rabbit came there were no blowflies. The carcasses of the rabbits have brought the blowflies and attendant troubles. The blowflies cost the State in direct expenditure £12,000 each year.

A proposal is on foot to get rid of the rabbits by commercialising the nuisance. The State will have nothing to do with it. It is sick to death of rabbits, so private enterprise is to try its hand.

By carrying out a commercial campaign consistently, it is believed that not only can the rabbits be kept down, but considerable profit made. It is estimated that 86,265,466 rabbits are annually destroyed. They produce 12,323,638 lb. of skins, which are worth £1,232,638. In addition to the skins, the carcasses now thrown away can be utilised. Rabbit, properly treated, could be made as useful to Sydney as pig is to Chicago. They make the finest chicken meal—rabbit chicken meal is quoted at 217 per ton. Of course, it takes a lot of rabbits to make a ton of chicken meal, but we have rabbits by the myriad here, and a couple of hundred million would hardly be missed.

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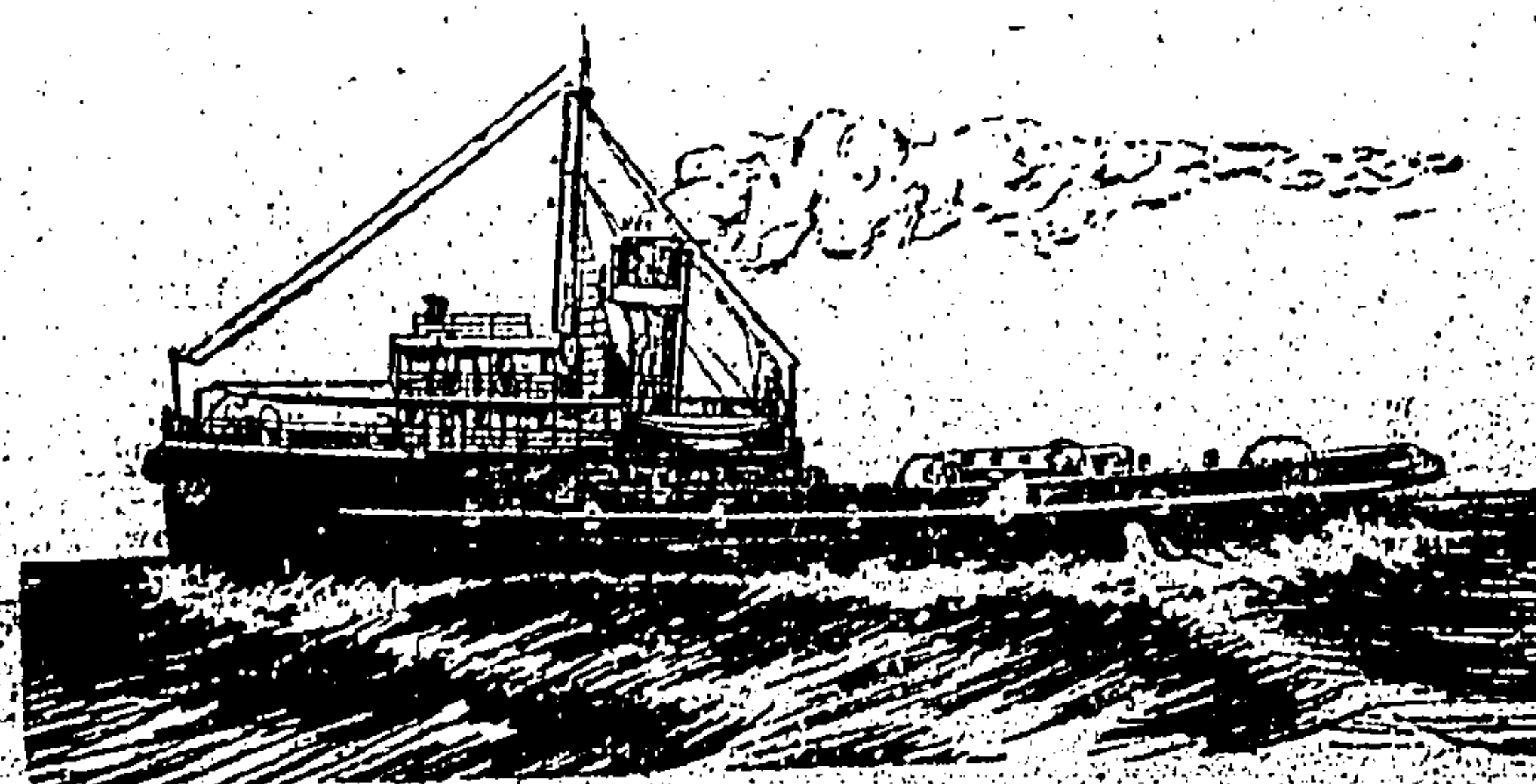
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